



**SF 220** – Traffic Cameras Ban (LSB1140SV)

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**Description**

**Senate File 220** prohibits the use of Automated Traffic Enforcement (ATE) devices by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and local authorities. This bill requires the removal of all existing ATEs by July 1, 2017.

**Background**

Currently, eight cities and one county operate 79 speeding and red light ATEs. In January 2014, the DOT adopted an administrative rule that regulated the use of ATEs on the primary road system. In March 2015, the Department ordered nine traffic cameras removed. Of the nine ordered removed, seven remain in use awaiting rulings on several lawsuits filed by cities against the DOT. ATE devices operating on secondary or city roads are not impacted by the DOT's existing administrative rules.

**Assumptions**

All existing ATE devices will cease operation on or before July 1, 2017. **Table 1** provides data on the number of ATE devices, base cost per violation, vendor's share, and share of local authority's revenues.

**TABLE 1**

Estimated Violations and Revenues from ATE Devices  
(As of Feb. 1, 2017)

City	Fiscal Year	Number of ATEs	Number of Violations Issued	Number of Violations Collected	Base Cost per Violation	Vendor Revenue	Local Authority Revenue
Cedar Rapids	FY 2016	28	154,323	85,495	\$ 75	\$ 2,081,622	\$ 4,447,377
Council Bluffs	FY 2016	12	18,887	12,890	100	614,200	709,009
Davenport	CY 2016	14	39,986	35,182	65	721,281	1,866,982
Des Moines	FY 2016	9	81,577	57,755	65	1,540,945	2,507,338
Fort Dodge	FY 2016	2	5,110	4,062	75	128,065	183,184
Muscatine	CY 2016	9	13,322	12,247	75	330,669	759,268
Polk County	FY2016	2	6,888	6,780	65	198,560	282,192
Sioux City	FY 2016	2	18,528	12,970	100	800,348	2,866,320
Windsor Heights*	CY 2016	1	n/a*	1,209	65	26,909	45,560
<b>Totals</b>		<b>79</b>	<b>338,621</b>	<b>228,590</b>		<b>\$ 6,442,599</b>	<b>\$13,667,230</b>

\* Incomplete data due to change of vendor  
Source: Local authorities

**Fiscal Impact**

Senate File 220 will decrease revenue to local authorities by an estimated \$13.7 million per fiscal year. Refer to the totals in **Table 1** for revenue decreases per local authority.

**Sources**

Cedar Rapids City Manager's Office  
Council Bluffs Public Works  
Davenport Police Department  
Des Moines Government Relations  
Fort Dodge Police Department

Muscatine Finance Department  
Polk County Sheriff's Department  
Sioux City Police Department  
Windsor Heights Police Department

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